

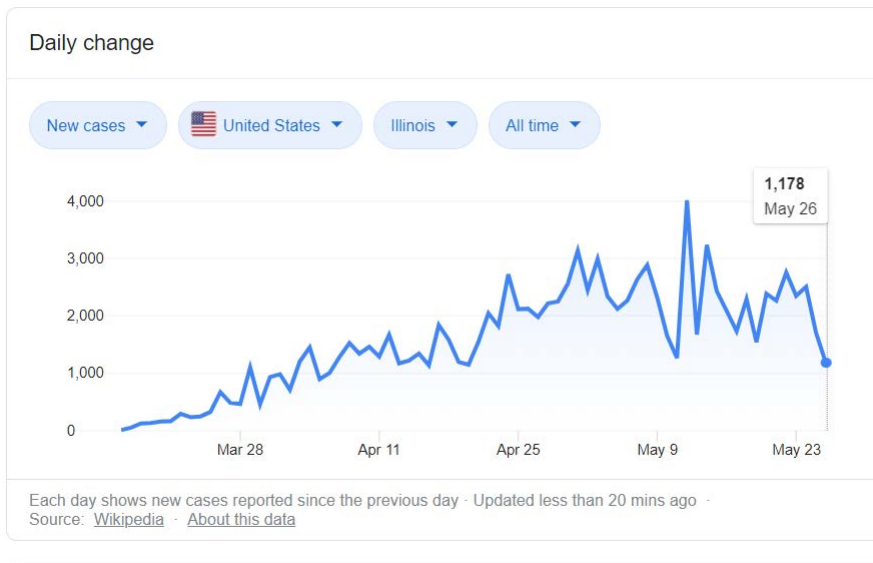
Institutional and MPI lab re-entry guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic

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Is it safe to get back to work ?

- We are compliant with state of IL guidelines on when to return to work and how
- Our safety guidelines are consistent with CDC guidelines



Mortality rate around 4.5% in IL

Total cases

Total United States Illinois

Confirmed	Recovered	Deaths
108K +1,178	-	4,790 +39

Location	Confirmed↓	Recovered	Deaths
Cook County	63,690	247	2,889
Lake County	6,645	-	215
DuPage County	6,076	-	300
Kane County	4,584	-	115
Will County	4,455	-	240

"+" shows new cases reported yesterday · Updated less than 5 hours ago · Source: [Wikipedia](#) · [About this data](#)

THREE REPETITIVE THEMES! Wash hands frequently, social distancing and mask wearing

SHARE PERSPECTIVE



Reducing transmission of SARS-CoV-2



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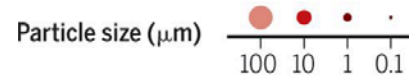
Respiratory droplet

- Coughing
- Sneezing
- **Breathing**
- **Speaking**

1 min of loud speaking could generate >1000 virion-containing aerosols

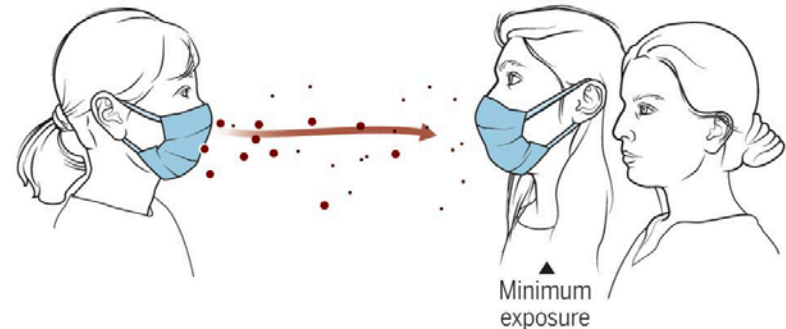
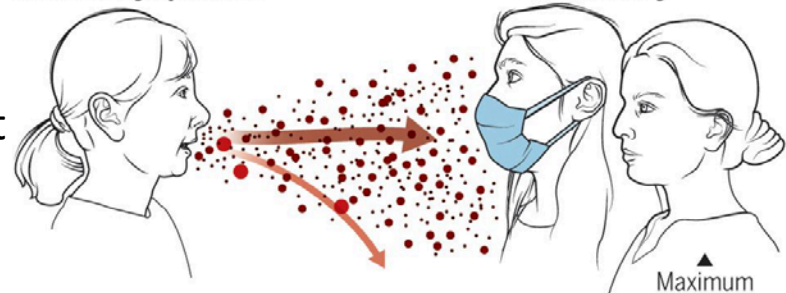
Masks reduce airborne transmission

Infectious aerosol particles can be released during breathing and speaking by asymptomatic infected individuals. No masking maximizes exposure, whereas universal masking results in the least exposure.



Infected, asymptomatic

Healthy



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There is humor in everything! Find it
where you can

RUMC Wet-Lab re-entry guidelines

- [Clinical Research and Laboratory re-entry plans](#)

Animal Research Center re-entry guidelines

- Proper PPE in the CRC includes a Rush issued face mask, gloves and covering or replacing of street clothes with a lab coat, yellow isolation gown or scrub uniform.
- **No more than two individuals may occupy and work in an animal holding room** – this includes animal care technicians performing husbandry procedures.
- **No more than 2 individuals may occupy and work in any procedure room** in the CRC including the necropsy room, 047 Cohn.
- **No more than 3 people may occupy and work in a CRC surgery suite** which includes at least one CRC certified veterinary technician monitoring anesthesia.

MPI safety re-entry precautions

- If you have an underlying condition that places you at a greater risk for COVID-19 complications, check with your doctor and with Rush HR for special accommodations (including working from home)
- DO NOT come in if you feel sick or if you've come in contact with someone sick.
- Caution with public transportation if you must use it
- **Keep at least six feet of distance from other people**
- Wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose and DO NOT take it off while in the lab or on the floor (This prevents you from coughing, sneezing, and breathing out the virus if you are asymptomatic)
- Wash your hands (20 seconds with soap and water-before, during, and after leaving the lab, entering breakroom, and any other common areas)
- Meetings in small groups, as long as you can keep 6 feet apart
- Seminars will continue virtually
- Faculty work from home as much as possible to reduce capacity on campus

Working in Lab



Lab hallway: NARROW;
Wait for them to clear area
before you walk to it

Working in Lab

Disinfect commonly used equipment, especially those where your face is in close proximity to instrument (e.g. microscope)



Other issues

- Lunch/break space
 - Lunch room (do not use fridge, max 3 people to keep six feet apart)
 - 2 adjacent offices next to break room will be open
 - Foyer area
 - Conf. room
 - Eat outside !
- Hood space availability
 - Laminar hood sharing across labs (**n=10 operational**) (Scheduling link will come soon from Kelly)
 - Labs that do not work with infectious diseases, hoods would not be for ID work (culture cells etc.)
- Bathroom usage/Signage